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Applicants also wish to bring to the Examiner's attention co-pending application Attorney Docket No. 2003-061-TAP (STK 03061 PUS). A copy of that application is attached. Respectfully submitted,

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